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-- ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH SUSPENSION OF US

-- BASE OPERATIONS

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-- B) JCS 131855Z AUG 75

1. DISCUSSION OF THE MC ASSESSMENT IN THE NAC COULD GIVE
US ANOTHER CARD TO PLAY WITH THE CONGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS

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TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND IN BRINGING HOME MORE STRONGLY TO

THE ALLIES THAT THE TURKISH SITUATION IS AN ALLIANCE DILEMMA, NOT SIMPLY A US ONE. THUS ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THERE MIGHT BE SOME UTILITY IN HAVING THE ISSUE BROUGHT UP IF (A) IT WOULD NOT PROVOKE A GREEK-TURK POLITICAL BLOODLETTING IN THE NAC AND (B) IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE NAC ASSESSMENT TO HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE CONGRESS (FYI-THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP THE MATTER SEPT 9 WITH A VOTE POSSIBLY TO TAKE PLACE LATER THAT WEEK OR DURING THE NEXT ONE).

2. MC ASSESSMENT IS NOT A CENTRAL FACTOR IN OUR CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT. IF THE MISSION JUDGES THAT THE FACTORS

(A) AND (B) CITED ABOVE ARE SUFFICIENTLY WEIGHTY, THEN WE WOULD AGREE TO SHELVE THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE TIME BEING. IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME AND THE GREEKS ARE SIMPLY MAKING THEIR POINT FOR THE RECORD, THEN WE BELIEVE THE RISK CAN BE TAKEN AND ASSESSMENT DISCUSSED.

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